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**Information Hotline, Memorial Event Details being released**

A 24-hour hotline has been established in conjunction with the S.C. Firefighters' Association to handle the enormous influx of calls from the public and fire departments nationwide wanting to attend or participate in Friday's Memorial Service.

**The toll free hotline number for the public and public service agencies is (866) 915-3010.  
The Hotline is being manned by area firefighters.**

The service, set for 10 a.m. Friday, June 22, 2007, at the North Charleston Coliseum, 5001 Coliseum Drive, North Charleston, will honor the nine City of Charleston firefighters who lost their lives Monday in battling a raging fire at a local furniture warehouse store.

**Attendance expected from Fire Departments throughout the nation**

Friday's event is open to the public, and thousands are expected to attend, including representatives from fire departments throughout the country who want to attend to pay tribute to the nine fallen men.

To accommodate the massive influx of fire personnel, a staging area for fire apparatus will be set up Friday at Concord and Washington streets. Line up will begin at 5 a.m. with a procession to the Coliseum starting at 8 a.m. Additionally, a staging area will be set up at the Coliseum for honor guards and firefighters in full uniform. Expected road closures and the parade route are being determined and will be announced at a later time.

**Contributions to help with costs for the memorial service can be sent to:**

City of Charleston  
c/o Firefighters Memorial Service Fund  
P.O. Box 853  
Charleston, SC 29402

**Contributions to help the firefighters' families can be sent to:**

City of Charleston Firemen's Fund  
P.O. Box 304  
Charleston, SC 29402.

**Cards and flowers can be sent to:** Charleston Fire Department Headquarters, 46 ½ Wentworth St., Charleston, SC 29401.

**For hotel information:** call the Charleston Area Convention and Visitors Bureau at 1-800-868-8118 or visit [www.charlestoncvb.com](http://www.charlestoncvb.com)

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